




Annual Report

For the Year Ended December 31, 2002

The Town of Sharon



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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR – 2 YEARS

Hampton Howard Term Expires 2004

Rory Goff, Deputy Appointed

SELECTMEN - 3 YEARS

Chester Bowles, Chairman Term Expires 2003

Will Fenno Term Expires 2004

H. Peet Rapp Term Expires 2005

SELECTMEN'S ASSISTANT

Dana Hadley Appointed

TOWN CLERK – 1 YEAR

Linda Paris Term Expires 2003

Robert Lambert, Deputy Appointed

TREASURER – 1 YEAR

Barton Goodeve Interim

TAX COLLECTOR

Sally Dermody Appointed

Sharon Donoway, Deputy Appointed

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS – 3 YEARS

Patricia Boyd Term Expires 2003

Patricia Jacobson Term Expires 2004

John MacEachran Term Expires 2005

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST – 6 YEARS

Elizabeth MacEachran Term Expires 2005

Susan Bowles Term Expires 2006

Virginia Ogren Term Expires 2008

PLANNING BOARD – APPOINTED

Robert Boyd Term Expires 2003

John MacEachran Term Expires 2003

Floyd Backes, Chairman Term Expires 2005

Laura Bridge, Alternate Term Expires 2005

Mitchell Call Term Expires 2005

Kenneth Callahan, Alternate Term Expires 2005

Daniel Claff Term Expires 2005

Robert Greenwood, Alternate Term Expires 2005

Will Fenno Ex Officio

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – APPOINTED

Diane Callahan Term Expires 2005

Harry Dermody Term Expires 2005

Richard Dufresne Term Expires 2005

Charles Johnson Term Expires 2005

CONSERVATION COMMISSION – APPOINTED

Donald Burgess Term Expires 2003

Selinda Chiquoine Term Expires 2003

Elizabeth LaRose Term Expires 2003

Kenneth Callahan Term Expires 2004

Karen DeBonis Term Expires 2004

Gina Goff Term Expires 2004

Will Fenno Ex Officio

HEALTH OFFICER

Will Fenno, M.D. Appointed

ROAD AGENT

Peter Paris Appointed

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Timothy Groesbeck Appointed

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE – 2 YEARS

Kenton Young Term Expires 2004

FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Kenneth Callahan Appointed

Peter Paris, Deputy Appointed

Barry Rhodes, Deputy Appointed

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Barry Rhodes Appointed

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Patricia Boyd Appointed

Daniel Claff Appointed

Harry Dermody Appointed

Peter Paris Appointed

TOWN BUILDING COMMITTEE

Chester Bowles Appointed

Susan Bowles Appointed

Mitchell Call Appointed

Selinda Chiquoine Appointed

Daniel Claff Appointed

Richard Dufresne Appointed

Will Fenno Appointed

Rory Goff Appointed

Robert Greenwood Appointed

Timothy Groesbeck Appointed

Dana Hadley Appointed

Carl Newton Appointed

Linda Paris Appointed

Donald Sullivan Appointed

TOWN OF SHARON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon, New Hampshire, in the County of Hillsborough, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Sharon Arts Center in said Town on Tuesday, March 11, 2003 at 11:00 in the forenoon to ballot for Town Officers, and other questions required by law to be decided by ballot. The polls will be closed at 7:00 PM. The business meeting will start at 7:30 PM on the same date at the Sharon Arts Center.

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to set the following amounts which shall be paid to the Town Officers for their services, or take any action relative thereto:

COMPENSATION SCHEDULE

Selectmen	\$1,500 per year
Selectmen's Assistant	\$15 per hour
Town Clerk	\$2,500 per year plus fees
Deputy Town Clerk	\$600 per year
Collector of Taxes	\$2,500 per year plus fees
Deputy Collector of Taxes	\$600 per year
Treasurer	\$1,500 per year
Trustee of Trust Funds	\$50 per year
Moderator	\$40 per session
Deputy Moderator	\$7 per hour
Supervisors of the Checklist	\$7 per hour
Fire Warden	\$100 per year
Building Site Inspector	\$75 per permit issued
Emergency Management Director	\$500 per year

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the purposes specified, or take any action relative thereto:

ACCOUNT	DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT
4130	Executive.....	\$6,950
4140	Election and Registration.....	7,700
4150	Financial Administration.....	20,500
4153	Legal Expenses.....	1,000
4191	Planning and Zoning.....	4,000
4194	General Government Building.....	4,800
4195	Cemeteries.....	1,000
4196	Insurance.....	1,750
4220	Fire.....	23,751
4240	Building Inspection.....	500
4290	Emergency Management.....	700
4300	Highways.....	59,000
4316	Street Lighting.....	300
4324	Solid Waste Disposal.....	25,200
4411	Health Administration.....	200
4414	Animal Control.....	250
4415	Health Agencies.....	850
4442	Welfare.....	3,000
4550	Library.....	4,500
4619	Conservation Commission.....	805
4723	Interest on Tax Anticipation.....	300

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6000 for the future revaluation of the Town and place the said sum in Account 4915, a Capital Reserve Fund previously established for said purpose, or take any action relative thereto. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Town Office Building Fund, Account 4913.1 previously established, or take any action relative thereto. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Town Bridge Fund, Account 4913.2 previously established, or take any action relative thereto. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in placed in the Town Highway Repairs Fund 4913.3 previously established, or take any action relative thereto. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in placed in the Town Highway Department Storage Building Fund 4913.4 previously established, or take any action relative thereto. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7500 for random weekly highway patrols of Town roads and highways, by contracted law enforcement officials. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 10. (submitted by citizen petition) Whereas, New Hampshire residents pay the 12th highest cost for insurance in the country; and
Whereas, the cost of health insurance premiums for families has increased 45% over the last three years; and
Whereas, 100,000 New Hampshire residents have no health insurance coverage and 77% of them have a full time worker at home; and
Whereas due to these rising costs almost half of New Hampshire's small businesses cannot afford health coverage for their employees, therefore be it resolved
That we, the citizens of Sharon, New Hampshire, call on our elected officials from all levels of government, and those seeking office, to work with consumers, businesses, and healthcare providers, to ensure that:

- Everyone including the self-employed, un- and underinsured, and small business owners, has access to an affordable basic health plan similar to what federal employees receive;
- Everyone, including employers, consumers, and the state, local and federal government makes a responsible and fair contribution to finance the health care system;
- Everyone receives high quality care that is cost efficient and medically effective; and
- That these efforts help control the skyrocketing costs of health care.

ARTICLE 11. To transact any other business which legally shall come before this meeting.

Given under our hand and seals at said Sharon, this 17th day of February 2003

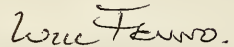
Selectmen:



Chester Bowles



H. Peet Rapp



Will Fenno

BUDGET OF THE TOWN/CITY

OF: Sharon

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003

or Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT:

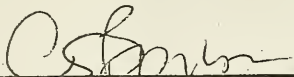
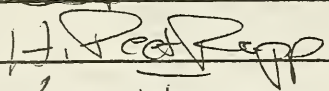
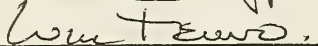
Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below.

This is to certify that this budget was posted with the warrant on the (date) February 24, 2003.

GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

Please sign in ink.

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
 COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION
 MUNICIPAL FINANCE BUREAU
 P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
 (603)271-3397

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration					
4332	Water Services					
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other					
ELECTRIC			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation					
4353	Purchase Costs					
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance					
4359	Other Electric Costs					
HEALTH			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration	3			200	
4414	Pest Control	3	250	0	250	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	3	850	333	850	
WELFARE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	3	1500	166	3000	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts					
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other					
CULTURE & RECREATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation					
4550-4559	Library	3	4500	4150	4500	
4583	Patriotic Purposes					
4589	Other Culture & Recreation					
CONSERVATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources					
4619	Other Conservation	3	700	2910	805	
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING					
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
DEBT SERVICE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes					
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes					
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	3	300	0	300	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service					

****SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3,VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
4152	Revaluation	4			6000	
4194	General Gov't Build	5			10000	
4313	Bridges	6			10000	
4312	Highway	7			5000	
4915	Highway Building	8			10000	
4210	Police	9			7500	
SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	48500	XXXXXXXXXX

****INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". Individual warrant articles might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds				
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amount VOTED From FIB ("Surplus")				
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes				
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS					

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	158850	167056
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	40000	48500
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	7500	
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	206350	215556
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	95575	98241
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	110775	117315

TOWN OF SHARON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Financial Statements

December 31, 2001

and

Independent Auditor's Report

TOWN OF SHARON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2001

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Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC

Certified Public Accountants

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Sharon, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Sharon, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2001, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of Town officials. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by Town officials, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As more fully described in Note 1, the general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the financial statements of the General Fixed Asset Account Group, which should be included in order to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The amount that should be recorded in the General Fixed Asset Account Group is not known.

As described in Note 1, the Town has recognized tax revenues of \$36,098 in its General Fund which were not received in cash within sixty days of year end as required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GASB Interpretation 3). Town officials believe, and we concur, that the application of this accounting principle, which would result in a decrease in the undesignated General Fund balance from \$86,025 to \$49,927, would give a misleading impression of the Town's ability to meet its current and future obligations.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the general purpose financial statements of the omission described in the third paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Sharon, New Hampshire as of December 31, 2001 and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its non-expendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Sharon, New Hampshire. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Wachon, Chidney & Co., PC

July 10, 2002

EXHIBIT A
TOWN OF SHARON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types
December 31, 2001

	Governmental Fund Type <u>General</u>	Fiduciary Fund Types <u>Trust Funds</u>	Totals (Memorandum Only)	
			<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 258,440	\$ 20,250	\$ 278,690	\$ 313,802
Investments		175,152	175,152	137,724
Receivables:				
Taxes	36,357		36,357	26,950
Due from other funds		23,292	23,292	9,924
Total Assets	<u>\$ 294,797</u>	<u>\$ 218,694</u>	<u>\$ 513,491</u>	<u>\$ 488,400</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 18		\$ 18	\$ 44,877
Due to other governments	178,661		178,661	164,869
Due to other funds	23,292		23,292	9,924
Total Liabilities	<u>201,971</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>201,971</u>	<u>219,670</u>
Fund Balances:				
Reserved:				
Reserved for endowments		34,450	34,450	34,450
Reserved for conservation	6,801		6,801	7,521
Unreserved:				
Designated		155,842	155,842	110,809
Undesignated	86,025	28,402	114,427	115,950
Total Fund Balances	<u>92,826</u>	<u>218,694</u>	<u>311,520</u>	<u>268,730</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 294,797</u>	<u>\$ 218,694</u>	<u>\$ 513,491</u>	<u>\$ 488,400</u>

See notes to financial statements

EXHIBIT B

TOWN OF SHARON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

All Governmental Fund Types

December 31, 2001

	Governmental Fund Types	Fiduciary Fund Types Expendable Trust Funds	Totals (Memorandum Only) For the Years Ended	
	General		2001	2000
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 100,063		\$ 100,063	\$ 92,616
Licenses and permits	58,013		58,013	55,646
Intergovernmental revenues	27,654		27,654	26,828
Miscellaneous revenues	9,710	\$ 24,783	34,493	13,001
Total Revenues	<u>195,440</u>	<u>24,783</u>	<u>220,223</u>	<u>188,091</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	37,536		37,536	31,058
Public safety	27,076		27,076	21,905
Highways and streets	84,327		84,327	36,346
Health and welfare	1,008		1,008	518
Sanitation	24,000		24,000	23,434
Culture and recreation	5,795		5,795	3,737
Capital outlay	-		-	52,174
Total Expenditures	<u>179,742</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>179,742</u>	<u>169,172</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>15,698</u>	<u>24,783</u>	<u>40,481</u>	<u>18,919</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating transfers in		20,250	20,250	10,250
Operating transfers out	(20,250)		(20,250)	(10,250)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(20,250)</u>	<u>20,250</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	(4,552)	45,033	40,481	18,919
Fund Balances - January 1	<u>97,378</u>	<u>110,809</u>	<u>208,187</u>	<u>189,268</u>
Fund Balances - December 31	<u>\$ 92,826</u>	<u>\$ 155,842</u>	<u>\$ 248,668</u>	<u>\$ 208,187</u>

See notes to financial statements

EXHIBIT C
TOWN OF SHARON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual - General Fund
December 31, 2001

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 97,662	\$ 100,063	\$ 2,401
Licenses and permits	55,600	58,013	2,413
Intergovernmental revenues	27,902	27,654	(248)
Miscellaneous revenues	12,000	9,710	(2,290)
Total Revenues	<u>193,164</u>	<u>195,440</u>	<u>2,276</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General government	34,400	37,536	(3,136)
Public safety	26,100	27,076	(976)
Highways and streets	88,054	84,327	3,727
Health and welfare	2,601	1,008	1,593
Sanitation	23,434	24,000	(566)
Culture and recreation	5,025	5,795	(770)
Debt service	300	-	300
Total Expenditures	<u>179,914</u>	<u>179,742</u>	<u>172</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>13,250</u>	<u>15,698</u>	<u>2,448</u>
Other Financing (Uses):			
Operating transfers out	(20,250)	(20,250)	-
Total Other Financing (Uses)	<u>(20,250)</u>	<u>(20,250)</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(7,000)	(4,552)	2,448
Fund Balances - January 1	<u>97,378</u>	<u>97,378</u>	<u>4,632</u>
Fund Balances - December 31	<u>\$ 90,378</u>	<u>\$ 92,826</u>	<u>\$ 7,080</u>

See notes to financial statements

EXHIBIT D
TOWN OF SHARON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
 Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances
 All Non-Expendable Trust Funds
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2001

	<u>2001</u>	Totals (Memorandum Only) <u>2000</u>
Operating Revenues:		
Investment income	\$ <u>2,309</u>	\$ <u>3,466</u>
Net Income	2,309	3,466
Fund Balances - January 1	<u>60,543</u>	<u>57,077</u>
Fund Balances - December 31	\$ <u>62,852</u>	\$ <u>60,543</u>

EXHIBIT E
TOWN OF SHARON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
 Combined Statement of Cash Flows
 All Non-Expendable Trust Funds
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2001

	<u>2001</u>	Totals (Memorandum Only) <u>2000</u>
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:		
Cash received from trust investments	\$ <u>2,309</u>	\$ <u>3,466</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>2,309</u>	<u>3,466</u>
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,309	3,466
Cash and Cash Equivalents, January 1	<u>60,543</u>	<u>57,077</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, December 31	\$ <u>62,852</u>	\$ <u>60,543</u>

See notes to financial statements

TOWN OF SHARON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2001

NOTE 1--SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Town of Sharon, New Hampshire conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for local governmental units, except as indicated hereinafter. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies.

Financial Reporting Entity

The Town of Sharon, New Hampshire (the "Town") operates under the Town Meeting form of government and performs local governmental functions authorized by State Law.

The accompanying financial statements of the Town present the financial position of the various fund types, the results of operation of the various fund types and the cash flows for non-expendable trust funds.

The financial statements include those of the various departments governed by the Board of Selectmen and other officials with financial responsibility. The Town has no other organizational units which meet criteria for inclusion in the financial statements as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

Fund Accounting

The accounts of the Town are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues and expenditures/expenses. Accordingly interfund receivables and payables have not been eliminated. The various funds are summarized by type in the financial statements. The memorandum totals included in the financial statements are presented only for informational purposes and are not intended to represent the financial position, results of operations, or cash flows of the Town as a whole.

Individual funds and account groups summarized in the financial statements are classified as follows:

Governmental Funds

These funds are intended to provide recurring general services. They are controlled by a budget approved by the voters.

General Fund - used to account for all revenues and expenditures which are not accounted for in other funds or account groups.

TOWN OF SHARON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
December 31, 2001

Fiduciary Funds

Assets are held by the Town in a fiduciary capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, and/or funds for various purposes. Receipts and expenditures of each fund are governed by statutes, local law, or the terms of the gift.

Trust Funds - Expendable trust funds (Capital Reserve Funds and Town Forest Funds) are accounted for in essentially the same manner as governmental fund types. The non-expendable trust funds are accounted for and reported as proprietary funds since capital maintenance is critical.

Account Groups

Account groups are not funds; they do not reflect available financial resources and related liabilities, but are accounting records of general fixed assets and general long-term obligations, respectively. The following is a description of the account groups of the Town.

General Fixed Assets - The Town does not record the acquisition of fixed assets in the General Fixed Asset Account Group, as required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Fixed assets acquired or constructed for general government services are recorded as expenditures in the fund making the expenditures. Funds used to acquire general fixed assets and/or debt service payments on borrowing in connection therewith are accounted for as expenditures in the year payments are made.

Basis of Accounting

The accrual basis is used for all non-expendable trust funds. The measurement focus of these funds is determination of net income, financial position and cash flows ("capital maintenance" focus).

Governmental funds utilize the modified accrual basis whereby revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, i.e., both measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures, other than interest on long-term debt, are recorded when the liability is incurred, if measurable.

In applying the susceptible to accrual concept to intergovernmental revenues, the legal and contractual requirements of the numerous individual programs are used as guidance. There are, however, essentially two types of revenues. In one, monies must be expended on the specific purpose or project before any amounts will be paid to the Town, therefore, revenues are recognized based upon the expenditures recorded. In the other, monies are virtually unrestricted as to purpose of expenditure and are usually revocable only for failure to comply with prescribed compliance requirements. These resources are reflected as revenues at the time of receipt or earlier if the susceptible to accrual criteria are met.

Licenses and permits, charges for services, fines and forfeitures and miscellaneous revenues (except investment earnings) are recorded as revenues when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received. Investment earnings are recorded as earned, since they are measurable and available. (See *Property Taxes* for property tax accrual policy.)

TOWN OF SHARON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
December 31, 2001

During the course of normal operations, the Town has transactions between funds, including expenditures and transfers of resources to provide services, construct assets, and service debt. The accompanying governmental and fiduciary funds financial statements reflect such transactions as transfers. Non-expendable trust funds report these transactions as revenues and expenses.

Budgetary Data

The Town budget represents departmental appropriations as authorized by annual or special Town meetings. The Selectmen may transfer funds between operating categories as they deem necessary. The Town adopts its budget under regulations of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration which differ somewhat from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America in that the focus is on the entire governmental unit rather than on the basis of fund types. Total appropriations voted at the March 13, 2000 Town meeting and included in these financial statements are \$200,164.

Assets, Liabilities and Fund Equity

Cash and Cash Equivalents – Cash and cash equivalents for the Combined Statement of Cash Flows – All Non-Expendable Trust Funds are defined as cash deposits and funds invested in the New Hampshire Deposit Investment Pool. A reconciliation for Non-Expendable Trust Funds is as follows:

Total amount invested in the New Hampshire Deposit Investment Pool	\$ 98,810
Less amount held by the Expendable Trust Funds	<u>(35,958)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, per Exhibit E	<u>\$ 62,852</u>

Investments - Investments are stated at their fair value. Investments include certificates of deposit with a maturity of greater than ninety days.

Taxes Receivable - Taxes levied during 2001 and prior and uncollected at December 31, 2001 are recorded as receivables. No reserve for estimated uncollected taxes is deemed necessary.

Due to Other Governments - At December 31, 2001, the balance of the property tax appropriation due to the Conval School District was \$178,661.

Revenues, Expenditures and Expenses

Property Taxes - Taxes were levied on the assessed value of all taxable real property as of the prior April 1 (\$23,642,423 as of April 1, 2001) and were due in two installments, July 16 and December 29, 2001. Taxes paid after the due dates accrue interest at 12% per annum.

The Town collects taxes for the Conval School District and Hillsborough County, both independent governmental units, which are remitted to them as required by law. The Town also collects education taxes for the State of New Hampshire, which are remitted directly to the school district. Taxes appropriated during the year were \$451,359 and \$45,395 for the Conval School District and Hillsborough

TOWN OF SHARON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

December 31, 2001

County, respectively. These taxes are not recognized as revenues in these financial statements. The Town bears responsibility for uncollected taxes. Under State law, the Tax Collector obtains tax liens on properties which have unpaid taxes in the following year after taxes are due for the amount of unpaid taxes, interest and costs. The priority tax liens accrue interest at 18% per annum. If property is not redeemed within a two year redemption period, the property is tax deeded to the Town.

The net 2001 receivables expected to be collected subsequent to March 1, 2002 of \$36,098 have been recognized as tax revenue in the General Fund which is not in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Town officials have decided that compliance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GASB Interpretation 3), which would reduce the undesignated General Fund balance from \$86,025 to \$49,927 could make these financial statements misleading, due to the limited sixty day revenue recognition period after year end. This understatement might give the user of these financial statements a misleading impression about the Town's ability to meet its current or future obligations. Under existing State law, the Town will either receive full payment or acquire legal ownership of property in lieu of payment in 2004. Prior history indicates that a substantial portion of overdue taxes are paid before this date.

NOTE 2--RISK MANAGEMENT

The Town is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During 2001, the Town was a member of the New Hampshire Municipal Association Property-Liability Insurance Trust, Inc. (NHMA-PLIT). The Town currently reports all of its risk management activities in its General Fund. The Trust is classified as a "Risk Pool" in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The NHMA-PLIT is a Trust organized to provide certain property and liability insurance coverages to member towns, cities, and other qualified political subdivisions of New Hampshire. As a member of the NHMA-PLIT, the Town of Sharon shares in contributing to the cost of and receiving benefits from a self-insured pooled risk management program. The program includes a Loss Fund from which is paid up to \$500,000 for each and every covered property, crime and/or liability loss that exceeds \$1,000.

The Trust agreement permits the Trust to make additional assessments to members should there be a deficiency in Trust assets to meet its liabilities. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require members of pools with a sharing of risk to determine whether or not such assessment is probable and, if so, a reasonable estimate of such assessment. At this time, the Trust foresees no likelihood of an additional assessment for any of the past years.

Claims expenditures and liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of that loss can be reasonably estimated. These losses include an estimate of claims that have been incurred but not reported. Based on the best available information there is no liability at December 31, 2001.

TOWN OF SHARON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
December 31, 2001

NOTE 3--CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The Town's investment policy requires that deposits and investments be made in New Hampshire based financial institutions that are participants in one of the federal depository insurance programs. The Town limits its investments to savings accounts, certificates of deposit and the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool in accordance with New Hampshire State Law (RSA 41:29). Investments for non-expendable trust funds are at the discretion of the Town Trustees of Trust Funds. At year end the carrying value of the Town's cash deposits was \$278,690 and the bank balance was \$206,313. The bank balance, was covered by federal depository or private insurance.

The book and bank balance of the certificates of deposits held as investments in the Trust Funds was \$76,342 at December 31, 2001. All of the bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance. The balance of investments of \$98,810 is held in the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool, which are not investment securities and, thus, not classified for custodial credit risk.

NOTE 4--INTERFUND RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES

At December 31, 2001, \$23,292 was due from the General Fund to the Expendable Trust Funds.

NOTE 5--NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

The principal of all non-expendable trust funds is restricted by law or specific terms of individual bequests, in that only income earned may be expended. Principal and income balances at December 31, 2001 are:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cemetery Funds	\$ 7,450	\$ 11,658	\$ 19,108
School House Funds	2,000	1,124	3,124
General Purpose Funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>15,620</u>	<u>40,620</u>
Total	<u>\$ 34,450</u>	<u>\$ 28,402</u>	<u>\$ 62,852</u>

NOTE 6--FUND BALANCE RESERVED FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES

As approved per Article 10 at the 1994 Town Meeting, the unexpended balance of the Conservation Commission's budget is reserved for conservation. Additionally, Article 11 of the 1994 Town Meeting restricts land use change tax revenues collected, to a maximum of \$5,000 per year for conservation purposes. At December 31, 2001, the balance reserved for the Conservation Commission was \$6,801.

TOWN OF SHARON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
December 31, 2001

NOTE 7--DESIGNATED FUND BALANCE

Expendable Trust Funds

Expendable trust funds at December 31, 2001 are:

Town Forest and Conservation Funds	\$ 93,504
Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	2,981
Town Bridges Capital Reserve Fund	10,000
Municipal Building Fund	<u>49,356</u>
	<u>\$155,841</u>

Schedule 1
TOWN OF SHARON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
 Schedule of Revenues - Budget and Actual
 General Fund
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2001

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Taxes:			
Property taxes	\$ 90,662	\$ 91,692	\$ 1,030
Yield taxes	2,000	3,630	1,630
Land use change taxes	2,000	2,000	-
Interest and penalties	3,000	2,741	(259)
Total Taxes	<u>97,662</u>	<u>100,063</u>	<u>2,401</u>
Licenses and Permits:			
Motor vehicle permit fees	55,000	57,231	2,231
Other licenses, permits, and fees	600	782	182
Total Licenses and Permits	<u>55,600</u>	<u>58,013</u>	<u>2,413</u>
Intergovernmental Revenues:			
State shared revenues	2,061	2,058	(3)
Rooms and meals	9,381	9,381	-
Highway block grant	16,141	16,141	-
State and federal forest land	245		(245)
Other intergovernmental revenue	74	74	-
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	<u>27,902</u>	<u>27,654</u>	<u>(248)</u>
Miscellaneous Revenues:			
Interest on deposits	12,000	6,807	(5,193)
Other miscellaneous revenue	-	2,903	2,903
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>12,000</u>	<u>9,710</u>	<u>(2,290)</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 193,164</u>	<u>\$ 195,440</u>	<u>\$ 2,276</u>

Schedule 2
TOWN OF SHARON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
 Schedule of Expenditures and Other Financing Uses
 Budget and Actual - General Fund
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2001

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
General Government:			
Executive	\$ 9,650	\$ 7,530	\$ 2,120
Financial administration	12,000	14,119	(2,119)
Elections and registration	4,150	6,670	(2,520)
General government buildings	500	839	(339)
Planning and zoning	5,000	5,523	(523)
Legal expenses	1,000	594	406
Cemeteries	500	715	(215)
Insurance	1,600	1,546	54
Total General Government	<u>34,400</u>	<u>37,536</u>	<u>(3,136)</u>
Public Safety:			
Fire	21,000	21,294	(294)
Building inspection	500	450	50
Traffic control	3,900	4,571	(671)
Emergency management	700	761	(61)
Total Public Safety	<u>26,100</u>	<u>27,076</u>	<u>(976)</u>
Highways and Streets:			
Town maintenance	87,754	84,104	3,650
Street lighting	300	223	77
Total Highways and Streets	<u>88,054</u>	<u>84,327</u>	<u>3,727</u>
Health and Welfare:			
Pest control	250	150	100
Health agencies	851	518	333
Direct assistance	1,500	340	1,160
Total Health and Welfare	<u>2,601</u>	<u>1,008</u>	<u>1,593</u>
Sanitation:			
Solid waste disposal	23,434	24,000	(566)
Total Sanitation	<u>23,434</u>	<u>24,000</u>	<u>(566)</u>
Culture and Recreation:			
Library	4,500	4,550	(50)
Conservation commission	525	1,245	(720)
Total Culture and Recreation	<u>5,025</u>	<u>5,795</u>	<u>(770)</u>
Debt Service:			
Interest on short-term debt	300	-	300
Total Debt Service	<u>300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>300</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>179,914</u>	<u>179,742</u>	<u>172</u>
OTHER FINANCING USES:			
Operating transfers out:			
Capital Reserve Funds	20,250	20,250	-
Total Other Financing Uses	<u>20,250</u>	<u>20,250</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	<u>\$200,164</u>	<u>\$199,992</u>	<u>\$ 172</u>

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of SHARON Year Ending 2002

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES- BEG. OF YEAR*		Levy for Year of this Report	2001	PRIOR LEVIES 2000 (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)	
Property Taxes	#3110	xxxxxx	\$34,587.97	\$ 1,509.72	
Resident Taxes	#3180	xxxxxx			
Land Use Change	#3120	xxxxxx			
Yield Taxes	#3185	xxxxxx	259.25		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	xxxxxx			
Utility Charges	#3189	xxxxxx			
		xxxxxx			

TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR

Property Taxes	#3110	\$669,359.80	
Resident Taxes	#3180		
Land Use Change	#3120		
Yield Taxes	#3185	2,353.64	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187		
Utility Charges	#3189		

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OVERPAYMENT:

Property Taxes	#3110	100.05	80.67		
Resident Taxes	#3180				
Land Use Change	#3120				
Yield Taxes	#3185				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187				
Costs			240.00		
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	155.87	1,311.01		
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190				
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 671,969.36	\$36,478.90	\$ 1,509.72	\$

*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION
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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of SHARON Year Ending 2003

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy for this Year	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
	2002	2001		
Property Taxes	\$503,941.89	\$ 31,175.81		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes	2,085.15	259.25		
Interest (include lien conversion)	155.87	1,311.01		
Penalties Costs		240.00		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd Overpayments		80.67		
Utility Charges Misc.		16.25		
Conversion to Lien (principal only)		3,395.91		
DISCOUNTS ALLOWED				

ABATEMENTS MADE

Property Taxes				
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd				
Utility Charges				
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED				

UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR #1080

Property Taxes	165,517.96			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes	268.49			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd				
Utility Charges				
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 671,969.36	\$ 36,478.90	\$	\$

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of SHARON Year Ending 2002

DEBITS

	Last Year's Levy 2001	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Year		\$ 1,509.72		
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	3,781.49			
Interest & Costs Collected (AFTER LIEN EXECUTION)	100.71			
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 3,882.20	\$ 1,509.72	\$	\$

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER:		Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
Redemptions		\$ 766.34			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	#3190	100.71			
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes					
Liens Deeded to Municipality					
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	#1110	3,015.15	1,509.72		
TOTAL CREDITS		\$ 3,882.20	\$ 1,509.72	\$	\$

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a) ? yes

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE

Sally Dermody

DATE 1/30/03

TOWN CLERK REPORT 2002

<u>Month</u>	<u>Automobile Registrations</u>	<u>Dog Licenses</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>Total Collected</u>
January	4115.00	61.00	0.50	4176.50
February	5233.00	63.50	7.00	5296.50
March	3834.00	21.50		3855.50
April	6273.00	116.00	10.00	6399.00
May	6049.00	131.00	17.00	6197.00
June	2732.00	56.50	5.00	2793.50
July	8081.00	17.50	50.00	8148.50
August	4500.00			4500.00
September	4968.00	2.00	5.00	4975.00
October	3488.00		15.00	3503.00
November	5115.00			5115.00
December	4663.00		5.00	4668.00
TOTALS	\$59,051.00	\$469.00	\$114.50	\$59,634.50

Issued 77 dog licenses

All dogs and wolf hybrids must be liscenced by , April 30,2003 and a current rabies certificate must be filed.
Per RSA 466:13, a penalty of \$25.00 will be imposed for any dog or wolf hybrid not liscenced by June 1,2003.

Office Hours: Tuesdays 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. at the Brick Schoolhouse.

Linda Paris Town Clerk
Robert Lambert Deputy Town Clerk

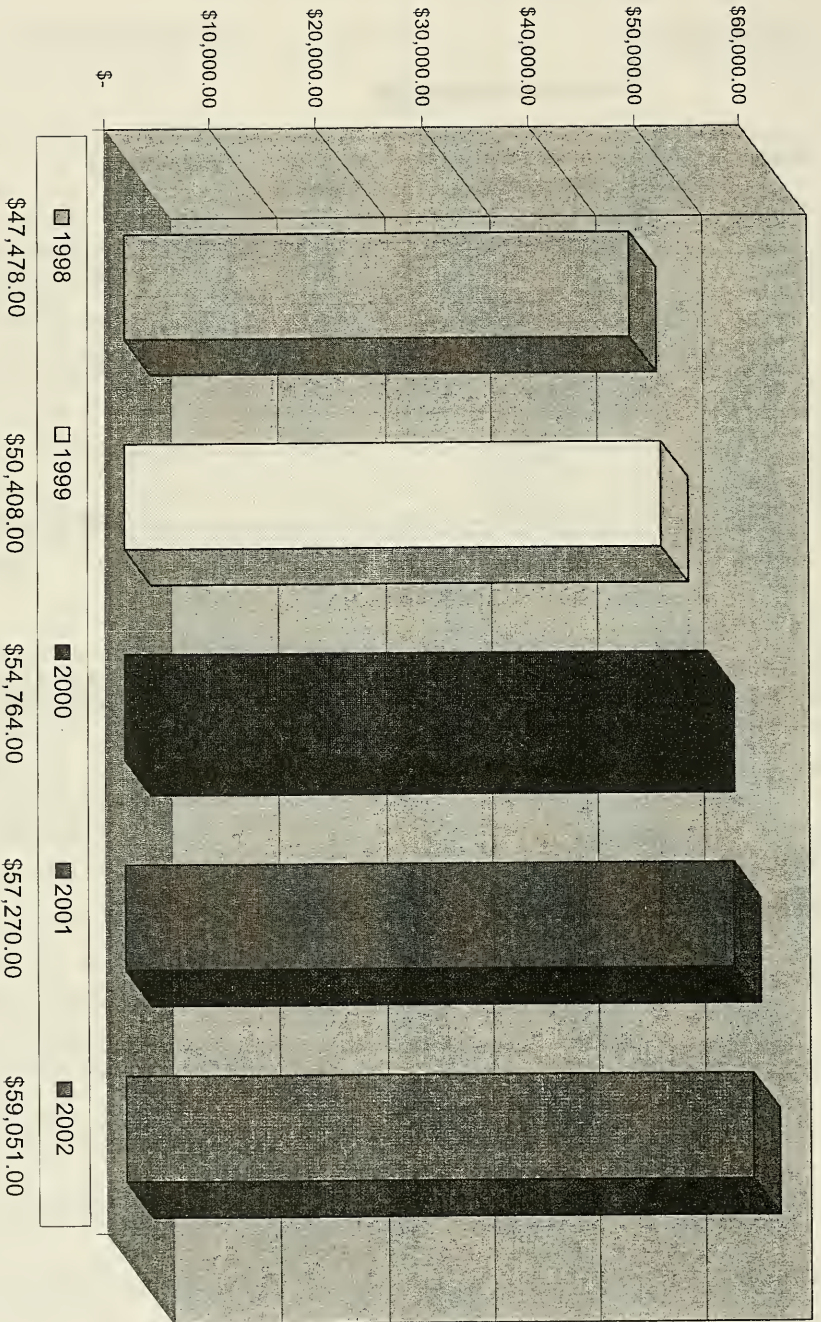
The above information is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully Submitted:

Linda Paris/Town Clerk

Town of Sharon 2002

5-Year Registration Comparison



There *IS* a There Here

A report by the Selectmen to the citizens of Sharon

Although it does not appear in *Bartlett's* or in any other collection of quotations, some have said of Sharon "...once you get there, there is no there there." If 2002 is a good example, it seems safe to say that there *IS* a there here.

Yes, it is true that Sharonites have precious few gathering places—no store, or gas station or large meeting house or restaurant. As a result, we don't have the same opportunities to meet and interact with our neighbors. However, what we do have is a sense of place and a pride in our town that encourages like-minded people to come together to get things done. As a percentage, Sharon probably has more people actively involved in town government and functions than most other communities.

Just think about some of the wonderful "happenings" of 2002:

- Preservation of the Newton property on Spring Hill Road;
- The work of the Planning Board in developing and adopting a Master Plan and that Board's work in collating the various zoning ordinances;
- Sharon's excellent web site, www.sharonnh.org. The web site is filled with interesting and useful information about our town. (Coincidentally, Sharon was one of the first towns in our Region to have a web site!);
- The work of the Conservation Commission including their efforts to develop a Wetlands Ordinance;
- The ever-increasing attendance at the Sharon Reunion held each year in Bass Park;
- The repairs made to the markers in Sharon's cemeteries;
- The placement of Sharon's Brick Schoolhouse on both the New Hampshire and the National Register of Historic Places;
- The extremely productive and energizing meeting we held to discuss the Brick Schoolhouse and the Town's office space needs; and
- The wonderful December tree lighting in Bass Park followed by the open house at Three Maples B&B.

Our challenge for 2003 will be to build on the enthusiasm of 2002. A major activity will be the work of the committee formulated to develop and present a plan for how to address the office space needs of the Town as well as how to preserve the Brick Schoolhouse. But, if there is a message to all, it is that Sharon is a unique place that still "works" because its citizens are involved; they care about their town. That's good because it is the only way we can insure that there will continue to be a there here.

Trustees of the Trust Funds Report
March 2003

The Trustees, who are John MacEachran, Patricia Boyd, and Patricia Jacobson, met on June 3, 2002, and December 2, 2002 at the Sharon Town Hall.

At its June meeting, the Trustees affirmed continuing to use the MBIA, (the Municipal Investors Service Corporation) for investment of trustee fund accounts. This service is a NY state corporation which has pooled funds, state by state, for municipal organizations. Sharon funds are pooled in the NH Public Deposit Investment Pool. Vachon and Klukay file the tax reports for these funds on behalf of the town.

In addition, at the June meeting, selectmen agreed to approve the funds for the repair of the damaged cemetery stones, which Kaufold Granite reported to be approximately one thousand nine hundred dollars (\$1,900.00.) Some 19 stones were damaged at the Jarmany Hill Site, and one stone at the McCoy Road site. Mr. Kaufold agreed to carry out the repair during the summer months.

In June it was noted that the economic turndown has resulted in a low rate of return on the trust monies. All funds have all been transferred to the appropriate accounts based on warrant approval at the town meeting. The referenced accounts include budget reserve, Municipal Building Fund, Road Maintenance, Highway Storage Facility, and town Reassessment Fund.

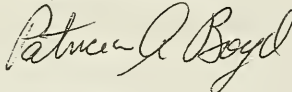
The trustees next met 12/2/02. John reported that Kaufold has completed the cemetery stone repair, although the bill has not yet been received. When the bill is received, John will provide the town treasurer with the appropriate account numbers from which repair funds should be drawn.

The tax accounting for the Trust Funds will be submitted to the town treasurer, to be submitted with the town tax accounts to Vachon and Klukay at the time the remainder of the Sharon accounts are presented.

The investments are only returning about 1%; however, the town monies are secure. No change in investment policy is recommended at this time. All funds held in trust total \$160,965.76 at last accounting.

The Trustees will next meet on June 2, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Patricia Boyd', written in a cursive style.

Patricia Boyd



SHARON CONSERVATION COMMISSION



Members: Karen DeBonis (Chair), Don Burgess, Ken Callahan,
Selinda Chiquoine, Will Fenno, Gina Goff, and Liz LaRose

Accomplishments in 2002

Land Protection:

At a public hearing held on February 11, 2002, the Sharon Conservation Commission voted to purchase 11.9 wooded acres of land adjacent to the Robert P. Bass Memorial Town Forest from the Estate of J. Milton Street (Lots 4-14 and 4-14G). The official closing for the property was on April 1, 2002 and the cost was \$26,000 (allocated from the Town Forest Fund). This land adds to the town forest's existing 864 acres.

A ceremony was held on May 11, 2002 to dedicate the conservation easement in honor of Wally and Vi Newton; several dozen people attended.

Town Forest:

Multiple field inspections were held during negotiating with forester Swift Corwin for a logging operation in the Town Forest. Starting in the late fall of 2002, the plan is to conduct two harvests in an area of 60 acres of mostly white pine. Work will reflect buffers near hiking trails and wetlands. Net to the town is expected at \$50,000.

At 12/31/02, the Forest Fund balance was approx. \$56,308.

The Conservation Commission removed ATV bridges and installed signs reminding visitors that fires and motorized vehicles are prohibited in the Town Forest per order of the Selectmen.

Water Quality/Wetlands:

In conjunction with the NH Volunteer River Assessment Program, we collected water samples from the Gridley River for analysis to establish baseline water quality data. Results show that the Gridley is a pristine river, though somewhat acidic.

With assistance from the NH Association of Conservation Commissions and the Southwest Regional Planning Commission, we researched and drafted a comprehensive Wetlands Ordinance.

Conservation Fund:

The Conservation Fund was established by citizen vote in 1994 for land acquisition and/or offsetting costs of land conservation. At Town Meeting in 2002, Sharon citizens voted to deposit 100% of the revenues collected via current use change tax into the fund. Also at that meeting, the town appropriated \$3,000 to replenish the Fund. At 12/31/02, the Conservation Fund balance was approx. \$9,644.

Other:

The National Historic Register approved our proposal for Sharon's one room brick schoolhouse.

The Selectman approved repairs to the broken headstones in the Jarman Hill Road Cemetery, as identified in our inventory.

Members attended training sessions by the NH Association of Conservation Commissions, and workshops on various issues (including roads and regional transportation).





SHARON CONSERVATION COMMISSION



Goals for 2003

Land

Protection:

Educate and encourage Sharon landowners to permanently conserve their land via conservation easements or donations to land protection organizations.

Research the pros and cons, and costs, of a Conservation Bond and other ways to raise funds to protect land in Sharon and preserve our town's unique character.

Town

Forest:

Oversee the timber harvests in the Town Forest.

Create and mark some new hiking trails.

Investigate placing the inner core of the Town Forest under conservation easement.

Earth Day:

Coordinate the 2003 Town Cleanup, planned for Saturday, April 19. (Rain/snow date: April 26). Please sign up to help at Town Meeting. Volunteers may pick up trash on their own schedules, but the effort is always more fun if we can work as a group. As usual, trash will be sorted and taken to the Peterborough Recycling Center.

Water/

Wetlands:

Conduct the third year of water quality monitoring of the Gridley River. Aquifer protection remains a constant priority.

Submit a Wetlands Ordinance to the Planning Board, for their critique, with final approval to be sought from citizens at Town Meeting.

Learn about the potential effects on the Sharon aquifer of a proposed sewage treatment facility and municipal/commercial water extraction projects in abutting towns.

Other

Projects:

Collaborate with the Planning Board regarding the Master Plan and with the Selectmen about being included in the building permit process.

Commission and install a bronze plaque on the brick schoolhouse to commemorate the building's designation on the New Hampshire and the National Historic Registers.

Plant bulb and heirloom perennials around the brick schoolhouse and at the Sharon markers on town lines.

Participate on the new Town Building Committee.

Monitor the sale of Temple Mountain. Approx. 24 acres are in Sharon, 30 in Peterborough, and 300 are in Temple.

Create a Sharon Conservation Commission Newsletter.

**The Sharon Conservation Commission meets on the second Monday
of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the schoolhouse.**

Interested citizens are welcome to attend.

TOWN OF SHARON WEB SITE: www.sharonnh.org

Emergency Management Director's Report

This is my tenth year as your Emergency Management Director. This has been by far, the most frightening one in terms of the potential for serious injury and loss of life. No, I am not writing about terrorism, I am writing about the conduct of some of people who drive on Sharon's roads.

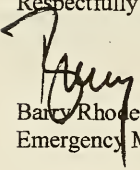
Early in the winter we had a number of incidents involving trees down across roads. One day a tree came down on route 123. On its way down it broke a telephone poll in half, with live wires hanging across the road. Pete Paris and I responded and PSNH was on the scene within minutes. Initially, we detoured traffic down McCoy Road, until two trees fell across it. We therefore had to turn cars around, while Pete cut up the trees.

Despite poor road conditions, traffic cones, and all the flashing lights on my vehicle, cars were traveling at 50 miles per hour. I experienced terror first hand as one car missed me by inches as I dove out of the way. Several cars just sped right through the roadblock and endangered the PSNH crew. This was only one of the incidents that occurred at the intersection of McCoy Road and 123. These folks were not concerned with safety, theirs or the people who serve them at the time of an emergency.

I often drive around, checking conditions. One night I found a large oak tree, wrapped in wires, totally blocking Temple Road. While waiting for Pete to cut the tree up, I set up cones and put on my emergency lights. Again, despite all the hazard warnings, several drivers nearly hit the tree. I asked one of them how they could have come so close to the tree, she explained that she didn't expect the tree to be there.

The real crux of Homeland Security is to prepare for the unexpected. The hazards we are likely to suffer from in Sharon are likely to be short-term. I ask you not to focus on duct tape and plastic sheeting, but rather on being careful and thoughtful. It doesn't matter if it's a terrorist attack, below zero temperatures or yet another snowstorm; we can all help each other by being informed, thoughtful and aware.

Respectfully submitted,



Barry Rhodes
Emergency Management Director

Report of the Sharon Town Forest Warden

I would like to thank all of the people who called to obtain fire permits before burning brush in 2002. In a year when severe fire danger caused a state-wide ban on open burning, the residents of Sharon were particularly careful to check with the fire wardens and ask for permits. There is no charge for a burn permit, and a permit will be issued whenever local conditions are deemed to be safe by the forest wardens. A permit is required before doing any outside burning. Please call one of the three town forest wardens for a permit:

Ken Callahan 924 3726
Peter Paris 924 4078
Barry Rhodes 924 3433

Please note that a new regulation is now in effect:

“New Hampshire law (RSA 125-N) prohibits the residential open burning of combustible domestic waste, effective January 1, 2003”.

Ken Callahan
Town Forest Warden

Sharon Planning Board

2002 Report

The Planning Board is pleased to present to the Town for approval a revised Master Plan. Copies of the Master Plan are available at the Brick Schoolhouse and it is posted on the Sharon Town website.

This is the first revision of the Master Plan since the 1980s. The original draft of the current document was prepared by Peter Ryner and revised many times over the past 3 years. I'd like to thank all of those who reviewed the Plan and attended the public hearings. The Plan's core goals and objectives are based on the results of a questionnaire that was circulated at the outset of the project. We sincerely hope that the finished product meets with the Town's approval.

An up-to-date copy of Sharon's ordinances has been completed. Copies are available at the Brick Schoolhouse, and it has been posted on the web site as well. A machine readable/editable version of the ordinances has also been recreated. This will allow the Planning Board to make future revisions available on a timely basis.

Thanks to the efforts of the Conservation Commission, the Planning Board is able to submit for approval a Wetlands Ordinance. This addition to the ordinances is extremely important, as our groundwater is probably our most important natural resource. Groundwater protection was explicitly called for in the Master Plan, and we are pleased to have completed a final draft of an ordinance in time for this year's Town Meeting. It is based on the contents of similar ordinances in place in various towns in the region, and was finalized based on input from the Southwest regional Planning Commission and our townspeople.

Much was accomplished this year, and these accomplishments were made possible by the strong support of the Selectmen and the Conservation Commission. I would like to express my deep appreciation for those who volunteer their time to do this important work.

I am pleased to report that Ken Callahan, a past Planning Board chairman and longtime member, has once again agreed to serve on the Board. Ken's experience, knowledge and dedication will prove invaluable as we continue our work to improve our land use regulations over the next year.

Finally, I'd like to remind everyone to notify the Planning Board as early as possible of any plans to adjust lot lines, subdivide, or any other activity that requires our approval. Early consultation will help ensure that your application is completed in a way to allow speedy and hassle-free approval. Although we make every effort to accommodate deadlines, the sooner we can start to work with you the better,

Respectfully submitted,

Floyd Backes, Chairperson

Planning Board members for 2003

Floyd Backes

Bob Boyd

Mitch Call

Dan Claff

John MacEachran

Laura Bridge

Ken Callahan

ROAD AGENT REPORT 2002

Winter of 2002 started with our first snow and freezing rain in mid November, bringing down trees, limbs and power lines blocking some of our roads. In December, snow just about every day with the first large storm on the 12th with 8 inches of snow and more every other day. Christmas Day dropped 9 inches and then a nor'easter on January 3rd with 19 inches.

So far this season, we had to plow more often and have needed a grader to scrape and wing back roads on several occasions, more than the past year. Because of extremely cold temperatures, our roads were snow and ice covered and not apt to melt as quickly, due to the fact that we only use sand and a small amount of salt. The way the winter progressed, undoubtedly, it will be more costly for winter maintenance.

Since this town report is sometimes the only means of communication with residents, I feel it is important to discuss potential logging in Sharon. This past year, we have had several large logging operations in town. Even though land owners are required to file an intent to cut, the Selectmen and myself must be notified by the landowner, forester, or the logger before any of the logging operation begins, so we can discuss location of the entrance and route direction of the trucks on our roads for safety reasons and bridge weight limits. There maybe times when the town will require a road bond for possible damage to our roads.

The necessity of having our own storage facility for sand and a small percentage of salt is more prevalent during a bad winter, and a concern, so we don't have to rely on contractors and other towns and would be able to do a better job when it comes to winter maintenance. We would have our own stockpile, saving the town money yearly. I urge you to continue to support the warrant article to appropriate the money for a future highway storage building and the town bridge fund because of the continual eroding and deterioration of our bridges. Then the money will be there in the future, when it comes time to start the bridgework. It is still necessary also to support our road repair fund for future roadwork.

2002 PROJECT REVIEW

- ✓ Posting of our roads in the spring with 6-ton weight limit signs to avoid heavy trucks doing damage to our roads during mud season.
Anyone caught over the 6-ton weight limit will be responsible for the repair damage to our roads according to NH State RSA 231:191. All of our town maintained roads shall be posted yearly.
- ✓ Necessary tree cutting and picking up of seasonal debris
- ✓ Posted Swamp, South and Mountain Roads prohibiting OHRV usage

- ✓ Replace and install new culverts
- ✓ Clean culvert on town roads
- ✓ Install a gate on Mountain Road to help the residents deter vandalism and prevent damage to the road during mud season
- ✓ Lay down approximately 280 tons of processed gravel on our gravel roads
- ✓ Yearly grading of gravel roads
- ✓ Yearly roadside cutting
- ✓ Install and replace damaged and missing signs
- ✓ Cutting, trimming and pruning of trees on Greenleaf, Cross, Spring Hill, Mill and some on Temple Roads.
(This will be a continuing process for the next several years because branches are overgrowing, hanging low and blocking valuable sunlight, which will help in the melting of ice and snow on our roads)
- ✓ Cutting grass and trimming in town cemeteries
- ✓ This year we replaced the Swamp Road Bridge decking with 3-inch steel grating. The reason is that the State has always had a problem with the wood decking because it didn't make a strong bridge and there was yearly rotting of the planking. The bridge now, with the steel grating, will be stronger and be more capable of handling a higher weight limit. The Department of Transportation bridge engineers, at no cost to the town, assisted in the engineering and helped calculate the bridge weight limit in order to make sure the 3-inch steel grating would be suitable for the bridge.
- ✓ We also removed the wood guardrails on the Swamp Road Bridge. We replaced them with galvanized steel guardrails on both sides and lengthened them, which will make it safer for vehicles crossing the bridge.

FUTURE WORK

- Shoulder and roadside ditching work
- Continue cutting, trimming and pruning of trees on town roads
- Guardrail work where necessary

- Continue improvements of town cemeteries
- Routine road repairs
- Culvert work
- Grading on gravel roads and also lay down gravel where necessary

This year, as in the past, we've had a problem with ATV's, 4-wheeled vehicles and snowmobile's riding our roads recklessly and causing damage. With the cooperation of the Fish & Game Department, law enforcement and myself, we have been successful in apprehending and prosecuting offenders, which are subject to loss of NH driver's license, fines and penalties. Written landowner's permission is required to operate OHRV's on another's property, and OHRV's are not allowed in the town forest. I do recommend that all residents of Sharon read the Winter Road Policy included in the Town Report regarding OHRV's. Copies of the 2003 NH OHRV law digest are available upon request.

As Road Agent, I think we have to be thinking ahead and preparing for the future, because of potential growth in Sharon and the constant growth of the surrounding towns. That is why I believe the town will have to be more self sufficient as a highway department.

I would like to thank Barry Rhodes our Emergency Management Director and the Selectmen for their support and availability in coordinating and working together when serious or dangerous situations arise.

A special thank you to the residents of Sharon for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Paris
Road Agent

**WINTER ROAD POLICY
TOWN OF SHARON
(Revised 12/31/1999)**

Sharon's Winter Road Policy is to try and maintain and make our roads as safe as possible during the winter season. The roads maintained by the Town of Sharon are: Nashua Road, Temple Road, Greenleaf Road, Mountain Road, McCoy Road, Cross Road, Sliptown Road, Spring Hill Road starting at the intersection of Jarmany Hill Road to the Jaffrey/Sharon town line, and Mill Road. State maintained roads are: Route 123, Route 124, Jarmany Hill Road, and Spring Hill Road from the intersection of Jarmany Hill Road to the Sharon/Peterborough town line.

Sharon's school bus route will be maintained first because of the need to have our roads as safe as possible for the transporting of our students.

Sharon does not use a large amount of salt, therefore, our roads, depending on the season, could be ice and snow covered for a period of time. When this occurs, the town will do its best to try and remove as much as possible from the surface of the road by means of a grader or other equipment.

Plowing our roads will not commence until snow has accumulated to a sufficient amount, unless slippery road conditions occur first. Roads will continue to be plowed according to the accumulation of snow as determined by the Road Agent.

After completion of each snow and or ice storm, roads will be sanded if necessary, to help the covered roads melt and make our roads safe.

Driveway plowing across Town roads will not be allowed. This narrows the road and compacts the snow bank, making it much more difficult for our contractors to plow and push back snow. This will be enforced by the Road Agent.

During the course of the winter, as snow depths get increasingly higher, and our roads get narrower, roads will be widened and snow pushed off to the sides as much as possible.

RSA 215-A:6 states OHRV's are not permitted to operate on the traveled portion or within the right-of-way or any public way, including roads, streets, highways, bridges, parking lots, sidewalks or ways that are maintained by any city, town, county, state or federal agency, except when specifically allowed and posted.

It is unlawful to:

- Operate as to endanger any person or damage property
- Operate on any road or within the right-of-way except where authorized and posted
- Chase or harass wildlife
- Operate on **town roads** or sidewalks unless posted for OHRV's
- Operate on or across any highway bridge unless posted as open for OHRV's
- Tow any person or sled without a rigid hitch.

The town does not allow snowmobiling on town roads.

It is important that people take into account and be aware of weather and road conditions while driving Sharon's roads. Please drive cautiously and safely at a reasonable rate of speed, so as not to endanger other vehicles and or pedestrians.

TO ALL A SAFE WINTER

Peter Paris, Road Agent
TOWN OF SHARON

Town of
SHARON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

REPORT
Of
COMMUNITY FORUM

Sharon's Brick Schoolhouse and the Town's
Municipal Office Space: the Future?

Saturday, November 16, 2002

On Saturday, November 16th, the Sharon Board of Selectmen convened a public forum at the Sharon Arts Center School to gather ideas regarding plans for the future use of the brick schoolhouse on Route 123, and the town's municipal office space.

When it was built in 1832, the schoolhouse was one of three in Sharon. Today, it is the only publicly-owned building in town, and was recently placed on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Until the last decade, it was the venue for elections and Town Meeting, and continues to be used for all public board and committee meetings and by the Town Clerk.

It has become clear in recent years that the one-room schoolhouse is no longer adequate to serve all of the municipality's needs, and in 1996 the Town purchased land adjacent to the schoolhouse as a site for future expansion. In 1998, a reserve fund was established for the construction of a new town office building, which has been augmented in subsequent years and now contains nearly \$54,000.

An informational mailing preceded the forum, and 34 residents attended, with five more sending their opinions in writing. Sharon resident Richard Dufresne moderated, posing five questions regarding options for placement of a new facility, future use of the historic schoolhouse and time-frame for planning and implementation. Residents separated into four groups for lively discussion, and then reconvened to share the results.

Residents were unanimous in their belief that the schoolhouse cannot long continue as the Town's only municipal office, but were equally emphatic that it should be preserved and made accessible for use, with as little modification as possible, as a meeting room or archival display space, as an adjunct to a new, code-compliant structure.

Opinions regarding a new building generally arose from four categories of concerns: planning, logistical and esthetic considerations, and other options.

Planning issues centered on assessment of current and future needs, and on the availability and cost (now low) of funds, and perhaps grants, for construction.

Many logistical imperatives were enumerated. It was agreed that record storage and retrieval must be enhanced and secured, and that comfortable, accessible, private office and meeting space with appropriate plumbing is essential. As the Sharon Arts Center across the highway expects to be able to accommodate Town Meetings for the foreseeable future, a large auditorium was felt to be unnecessary at this time. It was pointed out by many attendees that a municipal hall is a spiritual center of a town, not just an office complex, and that a pleasant and functional new facility would enhance participation in public events and public service.

It was further agreed that site planning for construction and parking must complement the existing schoolhouse and alter its forested surroundings as little as possible.

As a result of the forum, it was decided that a Town Building Commission, composed of members of all Town boards and committees, and other interested citizens, shall be established to study details and make recommendations to the Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted 19 December, 2002
Sharon Board of Selectmen

Attendees

Anne Booth
Susan Bowles, Supervisor of the Checklist
Chester Bowles, Selectman
Mitchell Call, Planning Board
Diane Callahan
Ken Callahan, Fire Warden, Cons. Comm.
Ellen Campbell
Tom Campbell
Selinda Chiquine, Cons. Comm.
Daniel Claff, Planning Board
Linda Claff, Trustee of Willard Bass Park
Abram Collier
Ron Como
Karen DeBonis, Cons. Comm.
Harry Dermody, Zoning Board of Adjustment
Sally Dermody, Tax Collector
Karen Dufresne
Richard Dufresne, Zoning Board of Adjustment
Will Fenno, Selectman, Cons. Comm.
Rory Goff, Deputy Moderator
Barton Goodeve
Robert Hauser
John LaBranche
Marc LaPlante
John MacEachran, Trustee of Trust Funds, Planning Board
Linda Paris, Town Clerk
Peet Rapp, Selectman
Tina Rapp
Barry Rhodes, Emergency Management Director, Deputy Fire Warden
Lester Stevens
Anne Sullivan
Donald Sullivan, Trustee of Willard Bass Park
Nancy Taylor
Tom Taylor

Correspondence was received from the following:

Patricia Boyd, Trustee of Trust Funds
Carl Newton
Andrew and James Nichols
Ken Young



Town of Sharon, New Hampshire

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Community Forum

Sharon's Brick Schoolhouse and the Town's municipal office space: the future?

Saturday, November 16, 2002

8:30 am – Noon

Sharon Arts Center School Building

(The building where we vote)

Some history:

Over the years, there has often been discussion of the need for a “town building.” However, the most recent efforts actually began with the March 1995 Town Meeting when voters approved an article to “...pay for architectural fees for a future town building.”

The next year, March 1996, voters were presented with two warrant articles along with preliminary drawings of a town building. The first article called for the establishment of an “expendable general trust fund...for the purpose of planning, designing and constructing the Town Building.” The second article asked voters to authorize the purchase of a horseshoe-shaped lot of approximately five (5) acres surrounding the Brick Schoolhouse parcel. Voters approved the purchase of the land in order to protect the Schoolhouse and to provide a potential site for future town needs. However, voters did not approve the formation of the trust fund.

In March 1998, voters were again asked to approve the establishment of a fund, this time a “capital reserve fund...for the purpose of construction of a new town office building.” This time the article passed and \$10,000 was appropriated. At each of the five town meetings since March 1998, voters have appropriated \$10,000 to be placed in that fund. Today, with principle and interest, the fund contains well over \$50,000.

The “needs” and “concerns:”

Before we consider what to do with that money (along with when and how), we should consider the following “needs” and “concerns” that have been identified over the years.

Community Forum

Sharon's Brick Schoolhouse and the
Town's municipal office space: the future?
Saturday, November 16, 2002

The Questions:

Task: Selectmen are looking for a response from each group on all questions. Please record the range of thoughts and ideas as well as any ideas that reflect a consensus.

1. Is a new town building the best (or only) way to address these needs? What other options exist?
2. Should we try to develop a solution that allows the Brick Schoolhouse to continue to be used as a place where town business is conducted and where committee meetings are held? Or should town business be conducted in a new facility? And, if town business is conducted in a new facility, how would the Brick Schoolhouse be used?
3. What are the advantages/disadvantages of locating any new structure on the Town-owned property surrounding the Brick Schoolhouse? What other options exist?
4. Should a new town building be built as an addition to the Brick Schoolhouse? Or as a stand-alone building adjacent to the Brick Schoolhouse?
5. Timeframe?

Responses to Questions, and Summaries

Question 1:

Plan for 5, 10, 20 years, not just 2.

How many hours per year would new building be used as Meeting House?

Usually, maximum of 85 people attend Town Meeting.

Schoolhouse inspected, judged structurally sound.

Good time to bond, as rates are favorable.

Grant money? ("Strings?")

ConVal Building Trades students' participation?

Highway Dept. garage needed now (separate location).

Legal/moral Disabilities Act issues; accessibility for voting.

Record-keeping and the Right to Know Law; need space for current and archival records.

Storage for maps, equipment (computer, copier); general storage (signs, etc.).

Toilets.

Meeting space to accommodate 20 people.

3 or 4 offices for Selectmen, Town Clerk, Tax Collector.

Security of stored documents, etc.

Need to assess quantity of "floating records" in officials' and former officials' possession

Schoolhouse should be used.

Schoolhouse should be connected to office building.

Emergency Management: "Emergency operations center" required for F.C.C. license.

Town currently ineligible for grants due to inaccessibility, lack of toilets.

Need for emergency shelter, generator.

Records should not be kept at peoples' houses.

All board/commission meetings, Town Clerk should be at Schoolhouse.

Put records, offices, toilets in new building; meet in Schoolhouse.

Need locked storage space.

Expandable ("modular") building.

If large building, then accordion doors to separate spaces.

Kitchen for community suppers.

Sharon Arts Center cannot accommodate our records, storage.

Expensive to make Schoolhouse code-compliant.

Schoolhouse cannot be made code-compliant without ruining it.

Schoolhouse is on National Register of Historic Places.

Want "New England Barn" contiguous somehow to Schoolhouse.

Against significant modification of Schoolhouse.

Small building, like others in town.

Parking in back, out of sight from highway.

"Don't touch the Brick Schoolhouse."

New building should provide spiritual center, or town soul, not just offices.

New, more accommodating building would enhance participation in public service, events.

Options: Renting: Prefer space in Sharon.

Rental agreements change, aren't predictable.

Purchase existing structure; problem: retrofitting.

ConVal School for meetings.

Home visits for Town Clerk, voting proposed.

Alternative sites for storage (S.A.C., rented space) not acceptable.

Opinions regarding a new building generally arose from four categories of concerns: planning, logistical and esthetic considerations, and other options.

Planning issues centered on assessment of current and future needs, and on the availability and cost (now low) of funds, and, perhaps, grants, for construction.

Many logistical needs were enumerated. It was generally agreed that record storage and retrieval must be enhanced and secured, and that comfortable, accessible private office and meeting space with appropriate plumbing is essential. Of note is the fact that 19 of the 38 attendees and respondents serve in Sharon's municipal government, and have hands-on knowledge of the current facility's deficiencies.

It was pointed out by many attendees that a municipal hall is a spiritual center of town, not just an office complex, and that a pleasant and functional new facility would enhance participation in public events and public service.

Fondness for our structurally-sound Brick Schoolhouse was expressed unanimously, and it was generally agreed that it should continue to be used as appropriate, without significantly altering its appearance and the character of its site.

Question 2:

Schoolhouse inappropriate for Town business.

Preserve Schoolhouse; connect it to new building.

Building Committee with members from all boards, Town Clerk, etc.

Use Schoolhouse for museum, archives.

Use the Schoolhouse.

Make the Schoolhouse accessible in some way, for museum, archives.

Climate control modifications necessary for record storage.

Use Schoolhouse for Historical Society, archives only.

Highway Dept. building should not be part of new office building.

Toilets in new building, not in Schoolhouse.

Other future uses for new building: Fire, Police.

Design to accommodate additions, and flexibility in separating rooms.

"Keep meetings at Schoolhouse;" adjacent facility for office, storage, etc.

Expandable building.

General consensus: The Schoolhouse is inadequate for municipal office use, but should be preserved and made accessible for use with as little modification as possible,

for a meeting space or archival storage or display, as an adjunct to a new, code-compliant structure.

Question 3:

Schoolhouse Site:

Some engineering plans have already been completed.

Schoolhouse lot cost \$40,000; use it.

Site is historical town center.

Site is paid for.

Site abuts conservation land on its northern border.

Parking in back, hidden from road.

Put new building behind Schoolhouse.

“Make it look like another Schoolhouse.”

Other Options:

Bass Park: restricted.

McCoy and Jarmany Hill Roads sites: buildable, but not center of town.

No location will satisfy or be in proximity to everyone; “downtown” is Route 123, but most of population is to the west.

Concern about increased traffic “downtown.”

New building needn’t be at Schoolhouse site.

Concern about destroying woodsy character of Schoolhouse site.

“Build it somewhere else.”

Town-owned sites at McCoy Road near Route 123 and western Jarmany Hill Road were proposed as alternatives, and objections to development at the Schoolhouse site, spoiling its character and increasing traffic in the vicinity, were articulated. The fact that the site was purchased and paid for to accommodate the expansion of Town office facilities favors the Schoolhouse site. General consensus: the Schoolhouse site should be used, but new construction and parking should be sensitively designed to complement the existing structure and its forested surroundings.

Question 4:

Schoolhouse should be integral/central/focal to new building.

New building should be separate, invisible from Schoolhouse.

New building should be attached to Schoolhouse, or with a passageway.

Suggestion for Historical Board to oversee preservation of untouched Schoolhouse.

General Consensus: The Schoolhouse should remain the focal point of the complex. No significant agreement was reached as to whether new construction should be attached to or separate from the Schoolhouse.

Question 5:

A.S.A.P. for Disabilities Act compliance.

A.S.A.P. to take advantage of low interest rates.

Concern regarding increased property taxes.

"Build it ourselves."

Hire local general contractor.

Need for information regarding cost, with financing and without.

"5 years."

"20 years."

Must know how big and expensive a building is needed to determine timeframe.



Southwest Region Planning Commission
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January 2003

H. Peet Rapp, Administrative Assistant
Town of Sharon
RR 2, PO Box 326 B
Sharon, NH 03458

Dear Mr. Rapp:

Please accept this letter as a general report of activities of the Southwest Region Planning Commission over the past year. The Planning Commission, with a service area covering 36 municipalities in Cheshire, Hillsborough and Sullivan Counties, is one of New Hampshire's nine regional planning agencies established by the State Legislature and the Region's towns. We continue to provide planning-related assistance to member communities and to represent the Southwest Region in state and federal programs. Our diverse work program covers activities including local planning assistance, natural resources planning, regional information systems & mapping, transportation planning, community & economic development, and hazard mitigation planning. We are funded through multiple sources including local membership dues. For each dollar in local dues, we've succeeded in leveraging six additional dollars to assist in meeting the needs of the Region and its municipal members. These resources provide the Commission the ability to assemble a professional staff which member municipalities have direct access to. Highlights of Commission activities for the past year include:

- published the document entitled "Guiding Change: The Southwest Region at the Beginning of the 21st Century," representing the updated regional plan for Southwest New Hampshire,
- expanded community development activities through several successful grant applications under the State's CDBG program,
- completion of the Rt. 202 Corridor Study: MA State Line to Rt. 9 in Hillsborough,
- continued involvement in several other transportation planning projects including improvements to the Connecticut River Bridges at Rts. 9 and 119, Rt. 12 bypass of Troy Village, Keene-Swanzey bypass expansion, and Rt. 202 widening north of Peterborough,
- sponsor of several workshops including economic development, transportation, and resource protection,
- assistance in updating Master Plans for several Southwest Region communities,
- assistance to the Region's towns with local hazard mitigation planning, and
- continued progress in building a state-of-the-art information system for Southwest New Hampshire.

We continue to be available to assist you in your planning related activities - please don't hesitate to contact us if you have a project you would like to discuss. Thank you for your continued support of the Commission. We look forward to working with you over the coming year.

Sincerely,

Timothy P. Murphy
Executive Director



Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services

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December 1, 2002

Board of Selectmen
Route 123
Sharon, New Hampshire 03458

Dear Selectmen:

Enclosed please find the HCS - Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services - Annual Report to Sharon. The Annual Report includes statistical and financial information about the services provided to residents this year. We hope that you will consider including this information in the Town Report to let residents know about the services that are available to them.

For 2003, we are requesting an appropriation of \$518.00 for home care services in Sharon. The home care appropriation will cover services that assist residents to recover at home, or to remain independent at home. These services include visiting nurses, rehabilitation therapists, home health aides and homemakers. In addition, health promotion clinics, prenatal care, well child clinics, and hospice care is available to residents.

HCS continues to make every effort to seek funding for patient care from a variety of sources. In 2002, services to residents were covered by the town's appropriation and other sources, such as Medicare, Medicaid, insurances, grants and HCS's fund raising efforts. With the increasing need for home care services, particularly by elderly citizens, we respectfully request the town's continued support for services to meet the needs of residents.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 352-2253 if you have any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Susan Ashworth
Director of Community Relations

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Visit our Web Site at www.hcsservices.org



HCS-HOME HEALTHCARE, HOSPICE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
REPORT TO THE TOWN OF SHARON
JANUARY 1, 2002 TO DECEMBER 31, 2002

ANNUAL REPORT

In 2002, HCS-Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services continued to provide home care and community services to the residents of Sharon. The following information represents HCS's activities in your community in 2002.

SERVICE REPORT

<u>SERVICES OFFERED</u>	<u>SERVICES PROVIDED</u>
Nursing	41 Visits
Physical, Speech & Occupational Therapy	1 Visit
Medical Social Worker	9 Visits
Nutritionist	1 Visit
Home Health Aide	106 Visits
Adult In-Home Care	284 Hours
Outreach	8 Visits

Total Unduplicated Residents Served: 9

Prenatal care, hospice services and regularly scheduled wellness clinics and child health clinics are also available to residents. Town funding partially supports these services.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The actual cost of all services provided in 2002 with all funding sources is \$15,254.00.

These services have been supported to the greatest extent possible by Medicare, Medicaid, other insurances, grants and patient fees. Services that were not covered by other funding have been supported by your town.

For 2003, we request an appropriation of \$518.00 to continue home care services for Sharon residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

State of New Hampshire
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RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Name of Child</u>	<u>Father/Mother</u>
3/2/2002	Peterborough, NH	Tate Franklin Niemela	Kyle Niemela Stephanie Niemela

RESIDENT DEATH REPORT

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Father/Mother</u>
2/14/2002	Sharon, NH	Philip G. Tyler	Ray Tyler Vinettie Sidelinger
5/9/2002	Peterborough, NH	Ralph V. Matthews	Howard Matthews Elizabeth Faulkner

RESIDENT MARRIAGES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Groom and Bride</u>	<u>Residence</u>
8/2/2002	Dean R. Setzler Katelyn M. Foley	Burnham, PA Sharon, NH
8/4/2002	Robert M. Villeneuve Linda P. Drew	Sharon, NH Sharon, NH
8/17/2002	John H. Burke Sokhom Warme	Sharon, NH Sharon, NH
10/18/2002	Peter W. Andersen Sarah N. Thibeault	Sharon, NH Sharon, NH
11/26/2002	Steven P. Hobbs Victoria L. Zimmermann	Sharon, NH Sharon, NH

